



HUDSON BAY MOUNTAIN RESORT
2025/2026
SCHOOL GROUP PROGRAM

Welcome to the Hudson Bay Mountain 2025/2026 School Group Program!

Below you will find an overview of some of the policies and expectations for your prospective or upcoming ski/ride day on Hudson Bay Mountain Resort. Our pricing has been updated for the first time in several years and still represents a significant discount for students and their chaperones. If you have any questions regarding any updates or pricing, please reach out to Will Gaertner (wgaertner@hudsonbaymountain.com) the Snow School manager.

We have a maximum number of participants we can accommodate each day (**60**); therefore, we encourage you to choose your dates as early as possible. Please contact us if you have any questions or to book your snow day on Hudson Bay Mountain. You can also find more information on our website at: <https://hudsonbaymountain.com/school-groups>

PRICING

School Pricing	Elementary (ages 6-12)	Secondary (ages 13-18)
Lift Only*	\$31.00	\$44.00
Lesson*	\$26.00	\$26.00
Rental*	\$22.00	\$27.00
Lift and Lesson*	\$39.00	\$49.00
Lift and Rental*	\$37.00	\$49.00
Lesson and Rental*	\$33.00	\$37.00
Lift, Lesson, and Rental*	\$47.00	\$58.00

All prices include tax*
 These prices are only available for visits during the school week
Holiday periods exempt.

PARTICIPANT SIGN-UP FORMS

Participant sign-up forms are where the student's parent or guardian will fill in the information required for their visit. This form is also a mandatory release of liability waiver. These forms are necessary, and **students cannot participate without them.**

Students under the age of 19 must have a parent or guardian signature.

All participants, **including chaperones and adults**, must complete a Participant Sign-Up Form in full. The group coordinator may print as many copies of this form as needed. All participants (including chaperones) must turn in the completed and signed form to the group coordinator for processing. These forms are where the information needed to fill out the Group Registration form is found.

The importance of ensuring the information gathered (height, weight, shoe size and ability level) is correct cannot be stressed enough! If the rental staff believes the information is incorrect, the gear will not be pre-set. **These students will need to wait until all others have been helped before they are assisted.**

Even if a student is not getting rentals, we will need their sport of choice and ability level to assign them to the correct lesson.

The group coordinator must deliver all completed Participant Sign-up Forms to HBMR Snow School **upon arrival, or if submitted ahead of time by email in pdf format. Participants cannot be included in the program without a signed form.**

GROUP REGISTRATION FORMS

All completed Participant Sign-Up Forms must be returned to the group coordinator. **The information gathered from these forms must be transferred to the Group Registration Sheet.** It is essential that the **Group Registration Sheets are completed in full.**

All Group Registration Forms must be received a **minimum of five school days** prior to your group's visit.

Any additions or corrections must be submitted on a separate Group Registration Form *containing only the additions or corrections*. If you are removing a student from the registration sheet, please email just the student's name and we will remove them from the original sheet. Last minute additions will be set up with their gear **after** everyone on the original list has been dealt with.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require assistance with the registration process.

Please submit completed Group Registration Sheets to snowschool@hudsonbaymountain.com.

***All forms and information are available to download off our website at
<https://hudsonbaymountain.com/school-groups/>***

LESSONS

To recognize that some students do not require lessons to enjoy their time on the mountain but are still a part of the School Group Program, Hudson Bay Mountain has incorporated a Lesson Policy. All students, regardless of ability level or experience, **must attend at least one lesson on their first visit of the new season**. After the first initial lesson, parents will have the option to fill out an additional waiver to opt their child out of lessons. **This waiver must be filled out and sent in with the Participant sign up form**. This requirement applies on each subsequent visit.

The meeting area for lessons will be outside, on the Northeast corner of the Rental Shop building closest to the Panorama T-bar. The coordinator will be informed of where the lesson meeting area is and is expected to pass that info on to students.

Lessons have set times of **10:00 am, 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm (half an hour later in spring hours)** and are 1.5 hours long. It is **very important that students are classified properly**, as this is how we separate them for their lessons. Incorrectly classifying a student (marking them down as intermediate rather than beginner for instance) can have a significant negative impact on all the students' experiences.

The following are classifications of ability levels:

Never Ever – These lessons are for students who have never put on a pair of skis or a snowboard before. They will learn the basics of how to put on their equipment and basic mobility skills on their skis or snowboard.

Beginner – This lesson is geared towards students who have already developed basic mobility skills:

Ski – Students must be able to snowplow and stop on skis. They will learn how to connect turn with the snowplow and to safely use the Rug Rat Carpet, and the T-Bar to make it up to Tower 2.

Snowboard – Students must be able to sideslip on their heel edge while maintaining a centered body position. They will improve their edge balance, sideslip on their toe edge and make first turns. They will also learn how to safely use the Rug Rat Carpet or T-Bar up to Tower 2.

Intermediate – These lessons are for students who have developed intermediate mobility skills:

Ski – Students must be able to connect turns with the snowplow and ride the T-Bar up to Tower 2. They will learn how to parallel ski, ride the T-Bar up the mountain and the chair lift to explore more difficult terrain.

Snowboard – Students must be able to sideslip on both edges while maintaining a centered body position. They will learn how to change edges to connect their 'S turns' and how to confidently use the T-Bar to make it up the mountain.

Advanced – These lessons are for students who have developed advanced skills on their skis or snowboards:

Ski – Students must be able to parallel ski. They can confidently use the T-Bar and are looking to solidify their skills using varying terrain and new exercises to challenge their abilities.

Snowboard – Students must be able to turn by using both edges. They can confidently use the T-bar lift and are looking to solidify their skills using varying terrain and new exercises to challenge their abilities.

Expert – These lessons are for students who are confident in their ability to ski or snowboard on a variety of terrain all over the mountain. They will continue to challenge their skills by doing exercises on difficult terrain and may use the terrain park or steeps and trees to further their development.

At Hudson Bay Mountain we want all of our guests to have the most enjoyable, educational, and safest day on the slopes. Lessons are instructed by knowledgeable, friendly, and certified professionals who teach beginners to experts.

To make sure every student gets to participate in their ski day, one on one adapted lessons may be available. Please speak with Will the snow school manager (wgaertner@hudsonbaymountain.com) about how these can be arranged.

CHAPERONES

Chaperones are an important part of ensuring the safety of all participants and that the day goes smoothly. **This is not a job to be taken lightly!** Coordinators must assign at least **one chaperone for every 8 students**. The following is a list of **roles and responsibilities for chaperones**:

- Chaperones are **required to attend the morning briefing with ski patrol**.
- One chaperone **must always stay in the lodge**. This is in the event of an injury or disciplinary procedure that results in a student's ticket/pass being taken away. Chaperones may rotate, but there must always be at least one in the lodge.
- Chaperones are required to **stay with their assigned group at all times**, unless on lodge duty or dismissed by their group's instructor.
- Chaperones are encouraged to **help students to put on their gear**, but to remain as out of the way as possible to allow the rental shop staff to do their job. The **rental shop staff** will exchange ill-fitting gear as timely as possible as equipment numbers need to be recorded. By helping out you are making sure that the students get out on the snow faster.
- Chaperones must **ensure that students show up for their assigned lessons**. Instructors have a list of names of students in their lessons and will keep track if a student does not participate. Disciplinary procedures (ticket/pass taken away, student required to sit out the remainder of the day or in extreme cases the student may not be invited back) may be taken if a student does not participate. Chaperones are also required to collect their assigned students after their lesson has been completed.
- Chaperones are responsible for **making sure everyone in their assigned group returns all their rental gear on time, in an orderly fashion and in good condition**. Please see the **Rental Return** section for additional information regarding returns.

- Chaperones are **expected to know and abide by the Alpine Responsibility Code and lead by example** e.g.: staying out of closed areas and remaining in bounds.
- All chaperones must be **at least an intermediate** skier or boarder.

In appreciation of their efforts towards providing a safe and enjoyable experience for students, **one chaperone for every eight students skis free!**

A maximum of 5 additional adults are welcome to a special lift ticket rate of \$31, rental rate of \$22, and lesson rate of \$30.

Any adults above the 1:8 ratio for complimentary tickets and the 5 extras at the reduced rate **Will be able to purchase lift tickets, rentals and lessons at a 25% discount.** When filling out your Group Registration form, please be sure to **indicate which adults are chaperones, which are extra adults and which adults will be paying the 25% discounted rate.**

PREPARATION

Mountain weather changes quickly and is difficult to predict. It always best to **“hope for the best but prepare for the worst.”** As a parent, chaperone or coordinator it is **your responsibility to ensure all your students, as well as yourself, arrive dressed appropriately** for winter mountain conditions.

Below is a list of what you need to bring to have a safe and enjoyable day;

- Gloves
- Goggles/sunglasses
- Jacket
- Snow pants
- Hat/toque
- Long smooth socks

All students will be required to wear a helmet during their visit to the mountain and will be provided if necessary.

There are a couple of options for checking the weather on the mountain;

- Call our Snow Phone at 778-648-7669
- Check the live webcam on our website www.hudsonbaymountain.com/mountain_report.
- Check the morning snow report on our Facebook page

Please be aware that there is a **26 km unpaved road** connecting downtown Smithers with Hudson Bay Mountain Resort. The road is easily and often affected by the weather, and conditions can change quickly.

Although the Ministry of Highways does its best to maintain the road, all vehicles should be prepared for winter driving with **appropriate tires and chains.** As this road is also used for logging operations, **be aware of oncoming traffic,** particularly on the switchbacks. Please drive carefully.

In preparation for your visit, it is expected for you to have a discussion with your class about the safety aspect of visiting a ski resort. Here are some links to help you get the message of safety and the Alpine Responsibility Code across;

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phMMYF9JrCQ>
 - "A Little Respect" is a 20-minute video that discusses ability levels, clothing, lessons and other issues. Keep in mind that not all things in this video apply to HBMR.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-2TMOSbMuM>
 - A short video detailing the Alpine Responsibility Code

If requested a visit to your school by one of our mountain staff can be arranged to help prepare your class for their visit to Hudson Bay Mountain.

N.B. Please let us know what your **expected arrival and departure times** are. If a late arrival (after 9:00 am) or early departure (before 4:00 pm) is needed, lessons may need to be modified to work with your schedule.

Arrival

We highly recommend arriving by 9 am. This ensures that everything can be taken care of as promptly as possible and that lessons start on time.

Once your bus has arrived:

- all students and chaperones are to head up to the **Panorama Lodge**, the large building located directly up from the parking lot.
- **The group coordinator shall pick up all lift passes, lesson schedule, and lunch vouchers from the Snow School desk in the Rental Shop (lower lodge) and notify Snow School of their arrival, and any changes to expected attendance.**
- An instructor and a patroller will then meet with everyone in the Panorama lodge for your **safety talk**. These talks are extremely important as they will let you know **what areas of the mountain are closed, if there are any hazards to watch out for and will go over the Alpine Responsibility code**.
- Once lift tickets are handed out and the safety talk is finished, students can come down to the Rental Shop to have their gear fitted. **Students are to be sent down in their lesson groups, beginning with the least experienced skiers/boarders, spaced out so students can comfortably put their gear on. If the Rental Shop is full students may be asked to wait outside.**

Lunch

HBMR offers school group participants (**students only**) a pre-paid option for lunch. The vouchers will be handed to the coordinator along with the lift tickets and lesson schedule. This coupon, when brought to Coyote Café is good for a pasta option, burger or wrap option or the chicken finger option. Students can indicate on their Sign-up Form that they would like a pre-paid lunch for \$13.

Pre-paid lunch information is transferred by the coordinator from the **Participant Sign Up forms to the Group Registration Form** and is added to the total cost of the visit. **Tickets and vouchers are valid only on the date issued and are non-refundable.** To redeem the voucher, simply hand it to the cashier in Coyote Café!

Chaperones are not entitled to the prepaid lunch option.

Rental Returns

All rented equipment must be **returned to the Rental Shop no later than 4pm.**

- **All students returning rentals must provide their name** to the rental shop staff so they can be crossed off the list and presumed safe and off the mountain.
- **Chaperones are responsible for assisting students** with returns so that it is accomplished in an orderly and timely manner. **Please take note of the return times accordingly.**

*While students are generally careful with rental equipment, there have been occasional instances of lost, damaged, or misplaced gear. **The school will be held accountable for the replacement cost of any gear rented out to a student that is not returned by the end of the day of visit; replacement cost will be added to the particular visit's invoice.***

PAYMENT

You will receive an **estimate** at the end of the day on your visit and later an invoice via email. The estimate is based on the registration sheet submitted to the snow school, any changes, or subtractions must be submitted and discussed as soon as possible to eliminate errors.

Please ensure the coordinator comes by the Rental Shop prior to departure to sign the estimate which the official invoice will be based on. Your visit must be paid for **within 30 days of the receipt of the emailed invoice** from Hudson Bay Mountain. Alternatively, payment can be made on the day of your visit by cash, cheque, debit, MasterCard or Visa. Please note the invoice number on the cheque and cheques can be made payable to;

**Hudson Bay Mountain Resort Inc.
Box 492
1181 Main Street
Smithers, BC
VOJ 2N0**

RESCHEDULING

We understand that situations may arise when either the school **or the Mountain** must reschedule the snow day. If a school needs to reschedule their visit **a minimum of 48 hours' notice is required**. If a school wants to cancel their trip altogether, it must be done outside of 48 hours of their booking, if done within 48 hours, a **\$100 cancellation fee will be invoiced to the school**.

If the Mountain must reschedule due to inclement weather expected or other situations, we will contact the coordinator as soon as possible with information and suggestions.

Email and Book Today!

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We look forward to seeing you out on the slopes!

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ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE



THERE ARE ELEMENTS OF RISK THAT COMMON SENSE AND PERSONAL AWARENESS CAN HELP REDUCE. ALWAYS SHOW COURTESY TO OTHERS. PLEASE ADHERE TO THE CODE LISTED BELOW AND SHARE WITH OTHERS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR A SAFE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE.

- 1** Always stay in control. You must be able to stop or avoid people or objects.
- 2** People ahead or downhill of you have the right-of-way. You must avoid them.
- 3** Stop only where you are visible from above and do not restrict traffic.
- 4** Look uphill and avoid others before starting downhill or entering a trail.
- 5** You must prevent runaway equipment.
- 6** Read and obey all signs, warnings and hazard markings.
- 7** Keep off closed trails and out of closed areas.
- 8** You must know how and be able to load, ride and unload lifts safely. If you need assistance, ask the lift attendant.
- 9** Do not use lifts or terrain when impaired by alcohol or drugs.
- 10** If you are involved in a collision or incident, share your contact information with each other and a ski area employee.

Know the Code - It is Your Responsibility



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